

ATTENTION MA CLINICAL STUDENTS

The priority deadline for second year Clinical MA students to apply for transfer to the PsyD program in Fall 2010 is **October 15, 2010**. Please note, only students in their last year of the MA program, who are currently enrolled in a MA practicum are eligible to apply for transfer into the PsyD program. Submission of a completed application to the Admissions Department by this date means that students will find out if they have been admitted to the program in time to begin the practicum search process in January for a PsyD diagnostic practicum. Acceptance to the PsyD program is contingent upon successful completion of all degree requirements in the Clinical MA program. Additionally, applicants who have been accepted to the doctoral program may choose to defer admission for one year.

The first step for interested applicants is to obtain an Admissions Packet from the Admissions Department. Please be sure to indicate that you are a transfer applicant, as you will receive a slightly different packet as an inside candidate (though admission materials are the same for both inside and outside applicants). Subsequently, all transfer applicants are required to meet with their academic advisor (typically one's Pro Group leader) prior to submitting an application. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss one's readiness to apply, options for students who are uncertain about application, remaining MA coursework, and transfer credit to the PsyD program. The academic advisor must sign the student's application form, signifying that he/she has met with you. Please note that the advisor signature is not an endorsement of the applicant.

Students are required to submit three references with their transfer application. References may be provided by faculty members or outside professionals who are familiar with the applicant academically and/or clinically. Persons who provide references are not required to write an actual letter of reference. Instead, they may simply complete the standard reference rating form supplied by the Admissions Department. Students must request this form from Admissions. In doing so, students should state in writing whether they waive/do not waive the right to see their references. Students may send the rating form to their references electronically or provide them with a hard copy to complete. Completed reference forms should be sent by raters back to Admissions rather than being given to students. The Admissions Committee will only consider reference forms received prior to review of the student's completed application.

When the admissions file is complete, MA Clinical students will be scheduled for an admissions interview with a core faculty member in the PsyD program who has not previously worked with the applicant. If you have a connection with the faculty member that you are assigned to interview with that is not apparent to the Admissions staff, you must indicate this at the time that the interview is scheduled.

Following the admissions interview the Admissions Committee will review the student's file and reach a decision about acceptance. The student will receive written notification of the committee's decision. In some cases a decision may be made to await

the student's fall grades or comprehensive exam results before making an admissions decision. Admissions decisions are final and may not be appealed.

If you have questions about the PsyD transfer process, you may contact Dr. Adam Froerer, Assistant Chair of the Clinical Masters Program, at 312-777-7709 or by email at afroerer@argosy.edu. Admissions Department questions may be directed to Regina Tremayne, Managing Associate Coordinator of Admissions (312-777-7607; rtremayne@argosy.edu). A copy of the admissions application for PsyD transfer may be found on the Clinical Psychology section of the Argosy website (www.auconnection.net/chicago).